



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2665

Navajo Nation Trust Land Leasing Act of 2000

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on September 27, 2000

S. 2665 would authorize tribes in the Navajo Nation to lease lands in trust for certain purposes. Under current law, the tribes must seek the approval of the Secretary of the Interior before leasing lands in trust. Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would not significantly affect the federal budget. Implementing S. 2665 would not affect direct spending or receipts, because any income resulting from leasing agreements entered into under this legislation would be paid directly to the appropriate tribal government. Hence, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

S. 2665 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enactment of this legislation would benefit the Navajo Nation by streamlining the process of leasing tribal lands.

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